

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed on January 13, 2005. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10 and 23-38 are pending in this application. Claims 29-38 are allowed. In the Office Action, the amendment filed October 7, 2004 is objected to, Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10 and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

In response, Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10 and 23-28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. However, Applicants note for the record and purposes of public notice that they do not believe that the rejections with respect to these claims are proper. Therefore, Applicants note that they will prosecute these canceled claims in a continuation application. In view of the amendments and/or for the response set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that the application now only contains allowed subject matter and accordingly should be passed to allowance.

In the Office Action, the amendment filed October 7, 2004 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132 as allegedly introducing new matter into the disclosure. In response, Applicants have amended the specification to remove the Gmur *et al.* reference to FUM media. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection under 35 U.S.C. §132 be withdrawn.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10 and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10 and 23-28 renders moot the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 29-38 are now in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application and earnestly solicit an early allowance of same.

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